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MEMORANDUM FOR: NEWLY ASSIGNED SOLDIERS TO THE 4th EN BN

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

The Command Sergeant Major and I would like to welcome you to Fort Carson, Colorado's own "Mountain Post", tucked against Cheyenne Mountain. Fort Carson, Colorado is the Army's number one requested post at a premiere installation. Welcome and congratulations on your assignment!

Brief history; the 4th has provided superior engineering support in the defense of freedom to the United States for almost 150 years. We are part of one of the most decorated engineer battalions on active duty. The history of the battalion is rich with examples of selfless dedication and duty. We are the direct descendent of the infamous 4th Combat Engineer Battalion which fought valiantly in support of the 4th Infantry Division earning the nickname, "Vanguard of the Fourth." Along the way we were deactivated and reactivated several times. Most recently, we were deactivated in December 2004 as part of transformation. The void left by the deactivation of the 4th (and many other engineer battalions) was so great that the United States Army leadership approved the reactivation of several of these units. The 4th was reactivated on 16 October 2006 at Fort Carson as a Combat Effects modular engineer battalion consisting of a Headquarter and Headquarters Company, a Forward Support Company, the 62nd Engineer Company (Sapper), the 569th and 576th Engineer Companies (Mobility Augmentation). The 4th has just redeployed from a successful deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom

The significance of the transformation is that the 4th no longer is part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th ID. We are an independent battalion with training, readiness, and oversight under the 555th Engineer Brigade located at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Upon your arrival at the 4th Engineer Battalion, you can expect to play an integral part in developing the solid foundation that will write the next chapter in our proud history. We look forward to your arrival, and I personally look forward to meeting each of you and your families.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything that we can do to assist you with your move, please contact the Battalion S1 OIC at (719) 526-2356. **VANGUARD!**

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LTC, EN
Commanding